



**Advanced Phytoplankton Course
Taxonomy and Systematics**

10-30 May 1998, Vico Equense (Naples), Italy

The 7th Advanced Phytoplankton Course, directed by G.R. Hasle (Oslo, Norway), is being organized by the Marine Botany Laboratory of the Stazione Zoologica 'A. Dohrn', Naples, Italy. The faculty also includes:

Marie-Joseph Chrétiennot-Dinet (Laboratoire Arago, Banyuls-sur-Mer, France)
Carina B. Lange (Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, USA)
Jacob Larsen (IOC Science and Communication Centre on Harmful Algae, Copenhagen, Denmark)
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The course will consist in the training on specific recognition of marine planktonic algae, with emphasis on light microscopy and use of taxonomic literature. The aim of the course is to increase and update the expertise of the students in the identification of diatoms, dinoflagellates, coccolithophorids and other phytoflagellates. Special attention will be given to species implicated in the formation of exceptional or harmful blooms.

Participation is limited to 20 candidates with PhD, MSc degree or equivalent, and with documented experience in phytoplankton identification by microscopy. A good knowledge of the English language is necessary.

A registration fee of ITL 500,000 (US\$ 310) is required, which includes course tuition and material. Full board for the whole period is ITL 1,700,000-2,500,000 (US\$ 1,100-1,600) depending on the accommodation. Applications have been made to different funding agencies for partial or total support of organizational expenses and student subsistence costs.

Applications must include complete mailing address and a condensed curriculum vitae. The applicant's experience relevant to the course as well as research interests should be briefly reported. Two recommendation letters are welcome.

More detailed and updated information, as well as the application form, may be found at the internet www address: <http://www.szn.it/~phyto98/phytocourse.html> or obtained on request by D. Marino, Head of the Marine Botany Laboratory, Stazione Zoologica 'A. Dohrn', Villa Comunale 80121 Naples, Italy (Tel: +39-81-5833271, Fax: +39-81-7641355, E-mail: phyto98@alpha.szn.it).

Applications, preferably sent by e-mail, must arrive not later than 15 October 1997. Acceptance will be notified before 15 December 1997.

